First Day Slides
Basic WebAssign Usage for Students

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Useful Websites

- **WebAssign @ Purdue Login Page for Students:**
  
  http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html

  Use your **Purdue Career Account** information.

- The main WebAssign login page
  
  http://www.webassign.net/login.html is for instructors’ use, not for students’.

- **Other helpful websites:**
  
  - **Mathematics Departmental Course Webpage:**
    
    http://www.math.purdue.edu/academic/courses

  - **Some Basic WebAssign Help:**
    
    http://intranet.math.purdue.edu/webassign
Once you have **officially enrolled through Purdue Banner**, your name will automatically show up in the corresponding WebAssign course section after a successfully login from [WebAssign @ Purdue Login Page](http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html).

If you **change sections**, you need to **inform your instructor/TA** in order to have your records transferred. The turn-around time is about **one or two days**. Please be patient.

You have **two weeks trial period** before you are required to enter the online access code.
Textbook List

For Spring 2015,

- **MA 161, 162, 166, 261**: Stewart *Calculus, Early Transcendentals, 7th Edition*

- **MA 262**: Goode & Annin, *Differential Equations and Linear Algebra, 3rd Edition*

Purchase from Purdue University and Follett’s Bookstores.

- The **Purdue Edition** of the textbooks **comes with Webassign online access code**:
  
  - For **Stewart**, the access code works for multiple semesters (as long as we use Stewart 7th edition).
  
  - This appears to be the **best deal** for Calculus I students who presumably will continue to take Calculus II and III.

- For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code works for only one semester.
Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

2. Purchase the **online access code** from your WebAssign account page.
   
   ▶ For **Stewart**, you can choose from **single** or **multiple semesters access**. (Online access to Stewart Calculus 7th edition automatically comes with an **eBook**.)
   
   ▶ For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code only works for one semester. eBook is not available.

You can purchase hard copy of the textbook from any other venues of your choice.

3. Go to [http://www.cengagebrain.com](http://www.cengagebrain.com) for (sometimes) better deals. They will mail you the online access code and might only accept checks.

   It is **your responsibility** to make sure that you receive the code before the end of the two-week trial period.
Tips for Entering Your Answers in WebAssign

- For questions asking for numerics and mathematical expressions, you have by default **100 chances**.
- For multiple (True/False) questions, you have only **a limited number (one) of chances**.
- Whenever possible, always enter **exact mathematical expressions** (by using the math palette provided).
- For numerical answers, as a rule of thumb, enter at least four decimal places (or four significant numbers).
- **Capital and small letter** variables are treated **differently**: for example: \( \Pi \) (Pi) vs \( \pi \) (pi); \( \Phi \) (Phi) vs \( \phi \) (phi); \( \Theta \) (Theta) vs \( \theta \) (theta) and so forth.
- Questions which prompt for the open or close brackets “(”, “)”, “[”, “]” are treated as True/False questions and hence allow only **one chance**.